



**Rep. Albers Testimony on SB 359  
To the Assembly Committee on Elections & Constitutional Law  
March 6, 2008**

Members of the Committee, thank you for hearing my testimony on Senate Bill 359 which is a companion to my proposal, AB 707. This bill is a correction bill to a proposal from last session that allows candidates to make contributions to charitable organizations from their campaign account for any reason. When WI ACT 451 was enacted a contradiction in law was recognized. We allow candidates to give to charitable organizations; however, those organizations under current law can not accept the contribution. SB 359 / AB 707 would allow charitable organizations to accept funds from candidates.

SB 359/AB 707 only makes this one corrective change in law and both the department of justice and the Elections Division of the Government Accountability Board agree this conflict needs to be corrected. One amendment was offered to SB 359 to remove the word "religious" from the draft because the definition of "charitable organization" includes religious organization.